

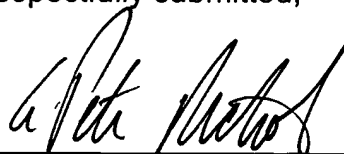
REMARKS

All the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kroll et al. (US 6,432,547 in view of Topolkaraev (US 6,586,354)). Applicant respectfully traverses under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) because the present application and Topolkaraev (US 6,586,354) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Kimberly Clark Worldwide, Inc. As evidence of such common ownership, the Examiner is directed to Reel 009802, Frame 0158, which contains the recordation of the Assignment of Topolkaraev (US 6,586,354) to Kimberly Clark Worldwide, Inc. and to Reel 011736, Frame 0153, which contains the recordation of the present application to Kimberly Clark Worldwide, Inc.

Claims 1-14 and 19-21 were also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 16, 20-21, 23-27 and 29 of USSN 09/840754 (US 2003-0021973 A1). A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted with this Response and thus, this rejection is now moot.

Applicants believe the present claims are allowable and respectfully request allowance of the application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any outstanding issues.

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